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NOTE ON MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

There has been some confusion regarding the meaning of "grandfather rights" as used by this Division. The "grandfather rights" which were abolished at the last annual meeting referred to the special privileges which were given to members of the old AAAP. Established psychologists with an M.A. may still apply for fellowship in this Division under the same terms as they may apply for fellowship in the APA. In addition it has been the policy of the Membership Committee to require that they should be persons unlikely now to become candidates for the Ph.D. and that they must have 10 or more years of clinical experience and must have acceptable published research. This last requirement must be documented with reprints submitted with the application.

NEWS NOTES

Dr. E. Lowell Kelly, who was elected as a Division Representative of Division 12 on the Council of Representatives, is already serving a three-year term as Regional Representative; therefore, Dr. Robert C. Challman, who was elected as an Alternate, is now serving as Divisional Representative in Dr. Kelly's place.

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Further committee appointments: Committee on Arrangements for a Joint Meeting with the Eastern Psychological Association: Herbert J. Zucker, Chairman; Samuel B. Kutash, Edward M. L. Burchard, Florence C. Halpern.

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Following discussions late in 1947, a group of clinical psychologists in New York City in January 1948 organized the New York Society of Clinical Psychologists which was later chartered under the laws of New York State. The objectives of the new organization were stated as: to hold meetings of a scientific nature to promote professional growth; to stimulate research; to help educate the public to understand the function and aims of clinical psychology, and to encourage increased psychological services in public and private agencies, and in private medical practice; to provide a clearing house for employment opportunities; to establish friendly relations with other professions; to encourage legislative action looking toward licensing in the interests both of the public and the profession of psychology; and to work for improvement in the programs for the training of clinical psychologists. At the present time, the membership of the Society is approximately 250.

The following are the officers for the year: President, Mr. Thomas Johnson; Secretary, Miss Helen B. Holodnak; Treasurer, Mr. Ezekiel Eliach.

The Division Secretary's Office has organizational details for any who are interested in developing similar local groups.

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The 1950 NVGA Directory of Vocational Counseling Agencies will be published on January 1, 1950. This is a listing of about 130 counseling agencies which have been carefully investigated by the National Vocational Guidance Association and found to conform to satisfactory professional standards. Considerable information is provided about each agency, including name, address, sponsorship, clientel fees, additional services provided, and professional qualifications of the director and staff. Each agency filled out a detailed questionnaire, supplied satisfactory references, was visited in person by an investigating committee, and was reviewed carefully by a national committee of NVGA. It will interest psychologists to know that of the eight members of this committee, three are Fellows of Division 12 and five are Fellows of Division 17; five are Diplomates of ABEPP. The Directory costs $1.00 and may be obtained from the Ethical Practices Committee, Box 64, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri.

Albert J. Harris

MESSAGE TO THE MEMBERSHIP REGARDING NOMINATIONS

Last year, out of a membership of nearly 1,200, 173 members submitted nomination ballots. This means that about one member out of seven made nominations.

I am calling this fact to your attention because I think it constitutes a grave risk to the democratic operation of the Division. If such a small fraction of the membership submits their suggestions it means that there is a real chance that the candidates most desired by the membership will not even find a place on the ballot. Such a small number of nominating ballots also increases the likelihood that a small block, all nominating the same individuals, would have undue weight in the nominations.

I can summarize all of this in one sentence: If you wish the Division to be democratic in its structure and to be managed by persons who genuinely represent the membership, then give the matter of nominations serious thought, and send in your ballot.

Carl R. Rogers

INFORMATION CONCERNING BY-LAW CHANGES, AMENDMENTS, AND NOMINATIONS

BY-LAWS

The following is a copy of the present By-Laws. An amendment to these By-Laws is given on page 5 and discussed below.

Article II, Section 2, subsection (b): The minimum qualifications...for designation as "Fellow in Clinical Psychology", satisfactory evidence of not less than four years of successful full-time clinical practice, or its accumulated equivalent, yielding the presumption of professional competence in clinical psychology.

Article II, Section 2, subsection (c): The minimum qualifications...for designation as "Fellow in Abnormal Psychology", either acceptable published research in abnormal psychology beyond the doctoral degree, or four years of acceptable professional experience in abnormal psychology subsequent to the granting of the doctoral degree.

Article II, Section 6: There shall be a class of Affiliates of the Division who are not members of the Division and who may not vote or hold office. Affiliates may participate in the scientific and professional meetings of the Division, and may receive the printed matter and publications to which they may be entitled by the payment of subscriptions. Affiliates may have any of the following qualifications:

(a) Student Affiliates of the American Psychological Association who have completed not less than 1 year of graduate study in clinical psychology, or

(b) Other persons who have had not less than 1 year of graduate study in clinical psychology and who are engaged in further study, internship or experience in preparation for fulfilling the qualifications for membership, or

(c) Members of other Divisions of the American Psychological Association who do not fulfill the requirements for election to the Division of Clinical and Abnormal Psychology, but who are interested in clinical or abnormal psychology, or

(d) Persons having appropriate training and experience in fields allied to clinical or abnormal psychology, and who desire such affiliation.

Article V, Section 2, Nominations:

(a) The Committee on Nominations and Elections shall nominate 2 persons for Divisional President-Elect, and for Divisional President when that office is to be filled. It shall nominate 1 or 2 persons for each other office as there are positions to be filled.

(b) It shall distribute a preferential nominating ballot to all members. This ballot shall provide spaces for 3 names to be written in order of preference for each position to be filled. After counting the ballots it shall designate the 2 highest nominees for President-Elect, and for President when the office is to be filled; and 2 persons for each other office as there are positions to be filled. Nominees for Divisional Representative shall also be eligible for nomination as Divisional President, Divisional President-Elect, or Secretary-Treasurer, but in no other instance shall a person be nominated for more than one office. The Committee shall ascertain the willingness of each nominee to serve if elected.

CONCERNING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAW ON NOMINATIONS:

Two representative members of the Division have been asked to contribute statements concerning the proposed amendment. They are published without signature to avoid the introduction of personal influence.

"The proposed amendment: (1) provides for direct nomination of division officers; (2) guarantees that at least 4 nominees will appear on the final ballot for each office; (3) requires that ballots be mailed early enough to allow adequate consideration. The present 'dual' system of nominating officers places in the hands of a small, appointive committee a power equal to that of the entire membership in nominating Division officers. Besides being cumbersome, time-consuming, and potentially dangerous, this undemocratic provision tends to discourage voting by the membership on the primary ballot because it reduces severely the chances that any member's nominations will count and in the final election because it sometimes forces a choice between only two nominees. We who propose this amendment feel that it will restore to each individual member the dignity and respect appropriate to professional persons, that it will tend to stimulate a 'grass roots' interest in elections and that such interest will be likely to carry over into other activities of the Division."

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"When the present By-Laws were framed in 1947, one group of the then-Executive Committee favored nomination by ballot, and another group favored nomination by committee. The provision adopted seemed to be a happy compromise between the two positions. It has two advantages: (1) the highest ranking two nominees of the members' primary ballot are always nominated, giving a broad democratic base, and (2) a deliberative committee makes one or two additional nominations, having an opportunity to take into account factors such as the nominees' effective past service on committees, the regional distribution of nominees, and the like. The final choice among three or four nominees for each office is made by all the members on the election ballot, of course. The issue involved in the amendment, though minor, is clear cut. It does not involve the first and second popular nominees, who are nominated by both the present and the proposed methods. A vote for the amendment means that the third and fourth choices of the primary vote will appear on the final election ballot. A vote against the amendment retains the first and second choices of a committee, in place of the third and fourth primary choices. If there are nominations only by the membership, it would be possible for a small group to get together and practically ensure the nomination of one or more officers because of the fact that nominations are usually so widely scattered that a relatively small number of nominating ballots will nominate."

REPORT OF THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

In response to a request of the Executive Committee for a report stating how many officers were elected from Nominations Committee ballot and how many from Membership ballot for the past several years, the Nominations Committee is able to present the following information.

The Division's By-Laws provides a dual method for making nominations: (1) by selections made from a Nominations Committee and, (2) by direct primary. The By-Laws require (for most offices) that two nominees for each office be chosen by each of these methods. Thus for the presidency two names came from the Nominations Committee and two from the membership at large. The composite slate is then sent on to the Secretary of the APA as the Division's nominations. These two methods are carried on independently, the Committee choosing its slate before names are received from the membership; therefore a person may appear at the top of both lists and be a nominee of both the Committee and the membership.

The Committee has obtained from the past two chairmen of the Nominations Committee the results of the nomination balloting by the membership and the Committee respectively and has tabulated the results for these two years (the only ones available). These data are given in the following table:

Nominated by	No. on ballot	No. elected	Relative %	Absolute %
Both Committee & Membership	5	4	80	29
Members only	19	8	42	57
Committee only	14	2	15	14

S. Hathaway R. Holt
D. Shakow R. Tolman
D. Wechsler, Chairman - Nominations Committee

BY-LAW CHANGES

The following By-Law changes are submitted to you for vote. The first four are proposed by the Executive Committee. The last one, on nominations, was proposed by petition to the Executive Committee and was discussed on page 3. Please record your votes on this page, tear it off and mail it to the Office of the Secretary, 36 Veranda Place, Brooklyn 2, New York. Ballots must be in the Secretary's Office by March 1, 1950.

A. That Article II, Section 2, Subsection (b), describing the qualifications for "Fellow in Clinical Psychology" be changed from "not less than 4 years of successful full-time clinical practice" to "not less than 5 years, etc." (Reason: To place Division By-Laws in harmony with the APA By-Laws as amended by vote of the membership of the APA. See American Psychologist, Nov. 1948, p. 479, Item 13b.) A. Yes No

B. That Article II, Section 2, Subsection (c), describing the qualifications for "Fellow in Abnormal Psychology" be changed from "not less than 4 years, etc." to "not less than 5 years, etc." (Reason: same as A.) B. Yes No

C. That Article II, Section 6 be amended as follows: (1) Insert the word "Division" before the word "Affiliates" and delete the phrase "of the Division" after the word "Affiliates" in line 1. (2) Delete the parts of Section 6 beginning with the word "Affiliates" in line 5, including the rest of the section, through the phrase "who desire such affiliation in line 15. (3) Substitute for the deleted parts "Affiliates shall be persons who are competent in related fields but who either do not qualify for Association or Division membership, or do not wish such membership." (Reason: To make our By-Laws harmonize with APA By-Laws.) C. Yes No

D. That subsection(j) be added to Article IV, Section 3 (which describes the functions of the Executive Committee) to read as follows: "When it appears necessary, appoint one or more Associate Secretaries to assist the Divisional Secretary-Treasurer in his duties. Such Associate Secretary shall be appointed for the term of the Secretary-Treasurer then in office and shall have duties falling within the usual realm of Secretary. The division of responsibilities shall be decided upon by conference of the Associate with the Secretary-Treasurer." (Reason: The heavy burden of work now falling on the Secretary-Treasurer must be lightened. The suggested procedure was experimentally tried out on the basis of Executive Committee and membership recommendation and found satisfactory.) D. Yes No

E. That Article V, Section 2(a) and (b) be eliminated and the following section be substituted: "2. Nominations. The Committee on Nominations and Elections shall distribute a preferential nominating ballot to all members in January of each year. This ballot shall provide spaces for writing 3 names in order of preference for each position to be filled. These votes shall be counted by giving a weight of 3 to each first choice, 2 for second choice, and 1 for third choice. The Committee shall then designate the 4 highest-ranking names for President-Elect, for President if required, and for Secretary-Treasurer as nominees, and the others, in rank order, as alternates. For Members-at-Large of the Executive Committee and for Divisional Representatives the highest-ranking names shall be designated as nominees to a total of twice as many names as there are positions to be filled. In case of ties among nominees or alternates, the Committee shall vote on the names so tied to determine their final ranks. No person shall appear on the final ballot as nominee for more than one position, except that nominees for Divisional Representatives may also stand for election as officers. The Committee will ascertain that nominees are consulted on their willingness to serve and, when indicated, on their preference of positions." E. Yes No

NOMINATING BALLOT FOR DIVISION MEMBERS

Instructions:

1. Please refer to page 3 of this Newsletter for the present By-Law provisions on nominations.
2. Please insert the name of those whom you wish to nominate in the proper column. You are urged to submit three names for each office. Any member of the Division may be nominated for these offices, except that for the Presidency only Fellows are eligible. Renomination of Division Representatives shall not be permitted after three years on the Council without at least one year intervening. Members-at-Large may serve no more than two consecutive terms. President may serve one year only.
3. The officers to be nominated are: President-Elect, two Divisional Representatives and one Member-at-Large.
4. Please fill in, tear off and return this sheet to the Office of the Secretary, 36 Veranda Place, Brooklyn 2, New York by March 1st. The Secretary will forward all nomination ballots to Dr. David Wechsler, Chairman of the Nominations Committee.

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice
President-Elect 1 year			
Div. Represent. 3 years			
Div. Represent. 3 years			
Memb.-at-Large 2 years			

For your information:

	Present Incumbents	Term Expires
President-Elect	Norman Cameron	
Divisional Representatives	R. C. Challman	1950
	C. M. Louttit	1950
	M. Brenman	1951
	S. Rosenzweig	1951
	L. Shaffer	1952
	H. Hildreth	1952
Member-at-Large	D. Shakow	1950
	R. Tolman	1951

Past Presidents: E. Doll, L. Shaffer, D. Shakow, D. Wechsler, C. Rogers

Former Divisional Representatives not now serving as officers: D. Rapaport, W.A. Hunt, S. J. Beck, D. Wechsler